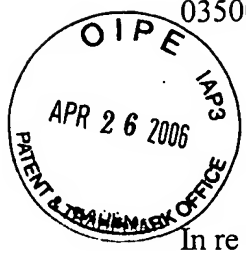


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PATENT APPLICATION



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	:	Group Art Unit: 2852
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	:	Allowed: April 7, 2006
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	:	Confirmation No.: 4258
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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, dated April 7, 2006, in the above-identified application. The combined Issue and Publication Fees are due on July 7, 2006, and has not yet been paid.

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement in the application, on April 8, 2004. To date, Applicants have not yet received acknowledgment of that Information Disclosure Statement, such as, a citation form annotated with the Examiner's initials and

date acknowledging receipt and consideration of the cited art. It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement and the cited art were properly submitted and satisfied all the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98.

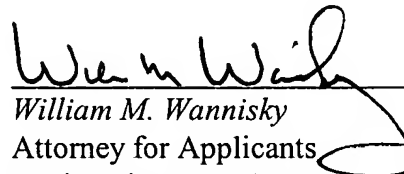
Attached is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and date-stamped postcard showing receipt of these papers in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge that the cited art has been considered and made of record.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the New York office at the below-listed address.

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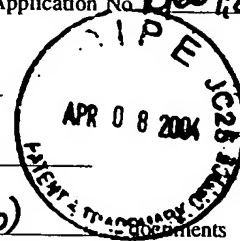
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (the "citation form"). The documents were recently cited in the enclosed European Search Report, which is dated February 10, 2004.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action has not been received in the above-identified application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with

this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 2001-318566 and 2001-228698, which are identified in the Search Report, were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 17, 2003. Therefore, these patent documents are not listed on the enclosed citation form. However, corresponding Japanese Patent Abstracts of Japan are listed and copies of these documents also are enclosed.

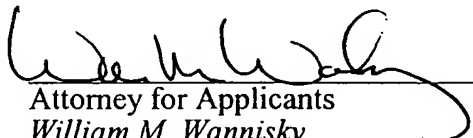
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited information and that an annotated copy of the citation form be returned indicating such consideration.

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